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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General Counsel

DATE: 24 July 1950

FROM : Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Request for Opinion Regarding Implications of Certain  
Tests of Soviet Material**OGC HAS REVIEWED.**

1. In the operation of the Soviet Material projects it is anticipated that certain information of commercial value will derive from the testing of such materials through private facilities. Advantage may, therefore, accrue to the establishment employed by the Central Intelligence Agency to perform a given test, but not of course to his competitors.

2. Your opinion is requested with regard to the following:

a. The legal responsibility of the CIA with regard to possible commercial advantages which might accrue to an establishment testing material for the CIA.

b. The requirements for an agreement between the CIA and the establishment testing material or equipment for the CIA which will insure our protection from charges of discrimination in favor of the testing establishment.

c. Advice concerning legal precedents established through activities of the U. S. Bureau of Standards and similar U. S. Government laboratories in sub-contracting tests to private facilities.

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